GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 14-3-89, one Vijender Singh resident of B-221, New Seemapuri, Delhi was apprehended by the staff of P.S. Seemapuri, one country made pistol and two live cartridges were recovered from his possession. A Case FIR No. 66 u|s 25|27|54|59 Arms Act was registered at P.S. Seemapuri. On his disclosure, a raid was conducted at his house and a number of illicit items were recovered. Another case FIR No. 67 u|s 25(1)|54|59 Arms Act was accordingly also registered against him.

Fencing on Indo-Pak border

444. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in fencing the border along the Indo-Pakistan border; and

(b) by when the fencing is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the CPWD, which is executing the work as on 15th April 1989 fencing has been completed in a stretch of 105.05 Kms., in the Punjab Sector and 25.70 Kms. in the Rajasthan sector. The entire work is expected to be completed by May 15, 1989.

Damage caused by agitation of Bodos and Nagas

445. SHRIMATI SUHDA VIJAY-JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of damage caused to trains, railway stattions and othed public properties etc., in Assam by the agitating Naga organisations in recent weeks; and members of All Bodo Students Union and

(b) the steps being taken to contain the activities by the above agitationists and restore normalcy in the affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Though State Governments are yet to intimate details of damage to public property, according to information furnished by Ministry of Railways, the total loss caused to Railway property on account of agitation by All Bodo Students Union, from 1st January 1989 to 20th April 1989 is estimated to Rs. 42,30,300. No damage to railway by the activities of Naga organisations has been reported.

(b) It is primarily for the State Government to maintain law and order in the State. However, on the request of the State Government Central Government has made available additional Central forces to the State Government.

Loans from IMF and World Bank

446. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the recent meetings of the IMF and World Bank held in Washington;

(b) whether it is a fact that India do not propose to take IMF loan;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any conditions have been attached for giving loans to India; if so, what were the conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Interim Committee of Board of Governors of IMF at its meeting held in Washington DC on April 3-4, 1989, deliberated on the World Economic Outlook, the Debt Situation and Strategy; the Ninth

General Review of Quotas, Over-due Financial Obligations to the Fund and the Question of SDR allocations.

The Development Committee (Joint Ministerial Committee) of the Board of Governors of the Bank and the Fund also held its meeting at Washington on April 4, 1989. The Committee discussed issues relating to structural adjustment, development prospect in developing industrial countries and the progress on initiatives intended to benefit sub-Saharan countries. It also considered reports on recent developments in international trade, trends in the transfer of resources to developing countries and the status of negotiations for the ninth replenishment of IDA.

The conclusions reached at the meetings of the interim Committee and the Development Committee are set out in the form of Press Communiques, which are enclosed. [*See* Appendix CI. Annexure No. 18].

(b) to (d) There is no proposal under Govt's consideration for seeking a loan from the IMF.

Search operations at the premises of diamond dealers in Bombay by Income Tax Department

447. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) which are the places in Bombay where survey and search operations were recently conducted at the premises of diamond traders and those connected with the diamond industry;

(b) how many complaints for harrassment were received from these people;

(c) what is the outcome of these operations; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner of Income Tax apologised for this harrassment and what action is being taken againt those officials who were found to be involved in such incidents of harrassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Income-Tax Department has not conducted any searches recently, at the premises of diamond traders at Bombay. However, searches were conducted at the premises of five Angadias on the 22nd February, 1989, at Bombay. As a follow-up of these searches on five Angadias, surveys were conducted in Bombay, at the premises of eight diamond dealers. Besides these, surveys were also carried out in February—March, 1989 at the premies of 20 diamond labour contractors.

(b) A few representations have been received from certain associations of the diamond trade.

(c) During the searches, diamonds worth Rs. 11 crores were found and out of these, diamonds worth Rs. 2.01 crores were seized. Cash of Rs. 1045 lakhs was also seized. The searches and the subsequent surveys resulted in admission of unaccounted income exceeding Rs. 1 crore by various persons including Angadias, diamond traders and diamond labour contractors. As a result of the surveys, it was found that certain persons shown as 'Labour Contractors' did not exist at the addresses provided in their bills.

(b) No apology has been tendered by any Commissioner of Income-tax for the alleged harrassment. The question of taking action against any departmental official in this regard, does not arise.

Security belt on Indo-Pak Border

448. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the progress made so far in regard to the proposal to create a security belt on the Indo-Pak Border to check the smuggling and unauthorised entry in both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): A proposal in this